

FARMERS INSTITUTE COLUMN.

Hon. A. P. Baskin, Editor.

I promised in my last to tell how to make the work of the farmer lighter and suppose there is nothing left but to get at it. Now, if I thought only a few would take the advice I would be compensated for the trouble from the knowledge of the fact that life would be more pleasant to them.

Heaven is not a place but a condition and why not have a little of it here as well as to wait till after death. When God made the world He made it perfect with all the equipments necessary for man's enjoyment of life. If it is not a heaven to us it is our fault not His. If it is a hell to us we are equally to blame. Fixed laws govern the world and all that portion to it and there is no escape from its violations.

Then to make our labor less and our enjoyments more, we must make it possible to keep up with the procession as we will find ourselves left behind and standing alone.

Permit me to say I have very little respect for the intelligence of a man who wants to follow in the same old rut his daddy used either politically or otherwise. We all know that they plowed around the trees and stumps and hoed around them, too, in antebellum days; but while you can plow around them now and grin and cuss, you cannot get the modern negro to hoe around them unless you are right there and if you do the hoeing yourself, it is hard work and if hot the sweat will roll from your brow while you use language not appropriate for a prayer meeting and grumble and growl because Eve and Adam fell from their first estate and had the curse pronounced upon them.

Thus the first thing for you to do is to dig your stumps out but the better way is to pull them out. It is faster and easier. Get you a log cart, such as is used to draw logs to the mill. Take two good mules drive over the stump, throw your lever back, catch the dog's as low as possible, then, when the mules come to pull on the lever, which is the tongue of the cart, if your dogs are in the sound part of the stump, she will come out. This is a practical and an economical way as well as a fast one to get rid of them.

When you have done this you are ready for up-to-date machinery to cultivate and harvest your crops with. About which I will write at another time, assuring you that when you have done these things the brightness and happiness of heaven will begin to shine on you.

Things are moving here with such a rush that we don't have time to eat or sleep, but it will soon be over.

To the Editor of the Ocala Banner.

The farmers of this county should appreciate the fact of your having given a column in your paper for the discussion of farm topics, and the Farmers' Institute made no mistake in selecting Hon. A. P. Baskin as editor and now if the farmers will aid Mr. B. this column can be of great benefit. I presume this column is open to all farmers, whether members of the institute or not, hence I submit a query.

Mr. Baskin did not say to whom communications for this column should be addressed so I send this to you. Dispose of it as you see fit.

D. M. BARCO.

Query.

What is it that destroys our corn and peanuts after we have planted, thus causing an imperfect stand? My grandfather and my father, believed, and of course I have always believed, that it was the ground mole whose roadway we find in the drill that destroyed the grain. I have a neighbor who is also a farmer, who says the enemy is a worm, and that the mole is simply in search of this worm, for, as he says, the mole subsists on flesh and not on grain. Who will give the answer and then a remedy?

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AN ABLE PAPER

Delivered by Hon. H. W. Long Before the Good Roads Convention.

Gentlemen of the county commissioners and good roads association of Florida:

In accordance with the universal custom of all organized bodies, as your executive head, I hereby submit for your consideration a brief report of my official acts since the adjournment of our last convention.

There being no provisions made by the convention to enlarge upon its action, and promulgate the same throughout the state, I proposed an address "to the people of Florida, especially to the several boards of county commissioners, boards of trade, good roads associations, and other business organizations of Florida, and the members of our legislature and our representatives in congress," in which I elaborated and stressed the necessity, feasibility and utility of such legislation as was recommended by your association. I had three hundred copies printed and mailed a copy to each organization and person to whom it was addressed; and in addition mailed a copy to the President of the United States, the secretary of agriculture, the director of public roads inquiry, the president of the national and inter-national good roads organization and a copy to thirty governors of states. In response I received many letters of commendation and also a requisition from Director Martin Dodge for fifty additional copies for distribution. This and others demands necessitated having one hundred additional copies printed. Hon. A. S. Mann came to my rescue and did heroic work in visiting different localities of the state where he addressed the people assembled and did all he could in formulating a sentiment in favor of improved roads. He also took charge of the newspaper department and did efficient service in getting a number of the legislature to commit themselves to work for good roads legislation. By mutual consent it was deemed best that Senator Mann as state organizer should call a good roads convention to meet in Tallahassee during the session of the legislature which was done. The attendance was not large but was enthusiastic. The house kindly turned over its hall for our use and stirring speeches on the importance of good roads were made by Senator Mann and others to an attentive audience. Those attending as delegates held a meeting the next day and agreed upon the outlines of a good roads bill. We then secured an audience with the legislative good roads committee which gave us a respectful hearing upon the different points we had agreed upon to be incorporated in the bill, indicating that they would stand by us when the bill was introduced. I remained in Tallahassee about a week and left the good roads legislation in charge of Senator Mann. The Wailes-Beard muddle at that time created divisions in the minds of the members of the legislature and quite a number being absent on duty as visiting committee made it an unpropitious time to secure legislation in the interest even of a good cause.

The first of June I learned that the specific measures we had asked to be enacted into law had been killed and the outlook indicated but little being done in the interest of good roads. The average member of the legislature acted as if he believed the enactment of laws authorizing the several boards of county commissioners to levy taxes that would be burdensome to their constituency constituted statesmanship, when in fact the then existing law authorized the levying and collecting of about all the taxes they were able to pay. The relief wanted and needed was more money to build good roads without additional taxation. In the midst of personal despondency, I then wrote an open letter to the legislature of Florida making an earnest appeal to them to come to our rescue by the enactment of good roads legislation.

Senator Peacock's bill then pending and covering some of the points we asked for, has since been enacted into law. Senator McWilliams' bill authorizing the levy of three mills to be used solely in building good roads, in addition to the provisions of the

old law has some good features but no board of county commissioners after leaving out the provisions of a levy of an additional mill for roads, will likely find it necessary to levy the maximum provided for except when two or more counties unite to build a base line road, etc. The senate substituted bill for the Parrish bill providing for the division of counties into road districts and for the election biennially of three road trustees, prescribing their duties and powers and for levying, collecting and disbursing district road taxes has been enacted into law and is an excellent law, it being equitable and right that those getting a direct benefit from an improved road should pay more taxes for its construction, than those who receive only an indirect benefit. Other good laws were passed, but as yet I have not seen them as finally enacted into law. While we have not received the support of some of the members of the legislature that we felt we had a right to expect, and while we did not get what we from a distinguished standpoint asked for, when we take into consideration that only about one third of the several boards of county commissioners of the state had actively connected themselves with our organization, and that your representatives before the legislature with a limited support from you, stood almost single handed in their efforts, I feel that our efforts have not been for naught, and that as a whole we have accomplished perhaps as much as we should have expected under the circumstances. The members of the legislature and the newspapers of the state, who loyally stood by us in our efforts to increase the facilities to supply the demand of our people for improved roads, are entitled to our thanks.

Our efforts for good roads should not be relaxed. Our organization during the next two years should be made more effective and a good roads move should be formulated and promulgated among our people that will cause them to rise in their might next year and see to it that no man is nominated and elected to the legislature that does not stand flat footed upon a just and equitable platform in the interest of good roads.

My expenses for printing, stationery and postage has been \$15.00. Hon. H. H. Dickson, of Orange, the good roads nestor, sent me \$2.00, which I recommend be placed to the credit of the dues of Orange county.

Gentlemen of the convention, with this meeting my term of office as your president expires. I have served you as such nearly four years to the best of my ability. You have overlooked my mistakes and I thank you for the uniform courtesy you have at all times extended to me as your presiding officer and will in years to come look back upon our association with feelings of pleasure and as a green spot in my life.

In view of the fact that you have younger men who are competent to perform the duties more efficiently than I, and our organization being on a solid basis and finding the official cares and responsibilities of the position too heavy a tax upon my time and purse, I respectfully decline a reelection.

My interest is your success will not relax, and you may rely upon me standing shoulder to shoulder with you in your efforts to elevate our organization upon a higher, broader and more useful plane. Let us keep the band wagon moving, the music playing, the good roads flag unfurled to the breeze, and let us see to it that it does not trail in the dust until every locality of every county of the state has been supplied with an improved road commensurate with its necessities. Respectfully submitted,

H. W. LONG.

The many Ocala friends of Mrs. Whitfield, of Tampa, will regret exceedingly to learn that she has been seriously ill in a sanitarium in Michigan, where she has been for some weeks. She has recovered sufficiently to travel homewards and is now in Moultrie, Ga., her old home, where she will remain until she is more fully recovered. Her daughter, Miss Sara Whitfield, left Tampa Tuesday for Moultrie to join her mother and accompany her home.

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Mr. Charles F. Schneider, manager of the "Golden Acre" grove south of Ocala, has the thanks of the entire Banner office for several baskets of Excelsior plums. The trees were planted four years ago and this year are loaded with fruit. He has been shipping them to the northern markets for the past three weeks and the prices obtained are very satisfactory.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Clark and baby, of Martel, left Monday afternoon for White Springs, where they will spend several weeks for the benefit of Mr. Clark's health. They will be guests at the "Hamilton," which hotel is a great favorite with the people of this section.

Mrs. F. L. Watson and Miss Lena Bullock returned yesterday afternoon from Pablo Beach, where for the past two weeks they have been the guests of Miss Lydia Barrs, of Jacksonville, who has been giving a house party at the beach.

Capt. W. B. Denham, of Savannah, superintendent of the Atlantic Coast Line, was in Ocala Friday in his private car. He is in fine health and his old friends here were delighted to see him.

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